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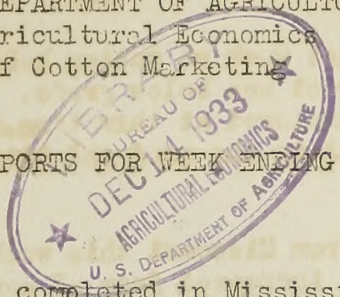
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COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7

Mississippi

Ginning is practically completed in Mississippi and the samples classed this past week show no radical change from that of last week. The cumulative state totals are in many instances identical with the totals of last week, proving that the proportion of the various grades and staples have reached a constant ratio.

In the Delta section there is an increase from 2.0 percent Extra White cotton to 8.0 percent this week and also an increase in Spotted cotton from 2.8 percent last week to 6.2 percent this week. Middling White cotton has decreased from 51.6 percent last week to 43.8 percent this week. The Brown Loam Belt shows a change in the distribution of White cotton this week. There has been an increase of Strict Middling cotton from 10.8 to 34.0 percent and a decrease in the Strict Low and Low Middling. Ginning was insufficient in the Sandy Coastal Area last week and the samples received this week show no radical changes from that of the previous week reported.

There is an increase of short cotton for the week in the state but the amount is insufficient to cause a change in the state cumulative total. Practically all of the staple cotton from the Delta this week falls in the 1-1/8 inch lengths and for that reason the Supplementary Report on staples 1-1/8 inch and longer, was not issued this week.

Arkansas

Samples classed from Arkansas this week vary little from those classed last week. Cumulative totals for the state remain unchanged from those last week. The samples from the Northern Ozarks Area show 23.6 percent Strict Middling cotton this week compared to none for last week. There is a decrease in Middling White cotton and Spotted cotton accounting for the increase of Strict Middling cotton.

The Southern Ozarks had insufficient ginnings on which to base a report. The distribution of samples from the Sandy Coastal Plains remains constant and no change shows in the cumulative totals. In the Mississippi Bottoms, Strict Low Middling White cotton shows a decrease from 43.4 percent last week to 29.8 percent this week and Spotted cotton increases from 22.8 percent to 31.1 percent. The Prairies had insufficient ginnings on which to base report.

The staple from Arkansas for the week shows a slight increase in the 7/8 inch length and a decrease in the amount of 1 inch cotton. The 1-1/8 inch and longer increased from 6.1 percent last week to 10.9 percent this week. This is due to the fact that the Mississippi Bottoms sent in the major portion of the samples this week. The cumulative staple totals vary little from those of previous weeks.

Missouri

The samples from Missouri show a radical increase in the percent of low grades. Low Middling White cotton increases from .7 percent last week to 13.8 percent this week. The Spotted and Yellow Tinged cotton increases from 15.8 per-  
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cent to 37.6 percent. Last week no cotton below grade in class was received but this week shows 14.2 percent was below grade. This lowering in grade is due to the method of gathering employed at this time of the season, the cotton being pulled or snapped and sold in the seed and little heed given to the amount of trash gathered.

The staple from Missouri this week keeps in line with the grade changes.  $7/8$  inch cotton increased from .3 percent to 2.8 percent;  $15/16$  inch increased from 5.2 percent to 23.4 percent, and inch cotton decreased from 59.5 percent to 43.0 percent.

### Tennessee

The percentage distribution of samples from Tennessee show little change from that of last week. In the Mississippi Bottoms Area the percent of Spotted cotton increases from 20.4 to 30.0 percent. The Middling cotton from this area decreases from 30.6 percent to 10.9 percent this week. The Brown Loam Belt shows little change for the week and insufficient samples were received from the Sandy Coastal Plains. The Limestone Valleys have an increase of Spotted cotton from 15.2 percent to 31.7 percent. There is a decrease in Strict Middling and a corresponding increase in Strict Low and Low Middling.

The  $7/8$  inch cotton increases from 2.0 percent to 4.9 percent and  $15/16$  inch staple increases from 38.8 percent to 45.0 percent. One inch cotton decreases from 23.1 percent to 18.8 percent. Cumulative totals remain practically unchanged.